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REMARKS

The last Office Action of June 8, 2005 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration of the instant application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-9 and 11-13 are pending in the application. Claims 3, 4, 8, 11-13 have been amended. Claims 1 and 7 have been canceled. Claim 14 has been added. No amendment to the specification has been made. No fee is due.

Claims 1, 3-9 and 11-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,021,692 to Norfolk et al.

Record is also made of a telephonic interview between applicant's representative and the Examiner which took place on August 31, 2005. The Examiner is thanked for his help and assistance as well as for the courtesies extended to Counsel at that time. During the course of the interview, the present application was extensively discussed on the basis of a draft proposal of a new independent claim (claim 14) to replace previous independent claim 1. Applicant's representative pointed out to the differences between the combination of claim elements, as set forth in claim 14, and the disclosure in Norfolk et al.. More specifically, applicant's representative contended that Norfolk et al. lacks the provision of a compact module of an adjustment drive, using both sides of the carrier for attachment of parts, with some of the parts disposed in overlapping relationship.

The Examiner noted that the subject matter of the present invention

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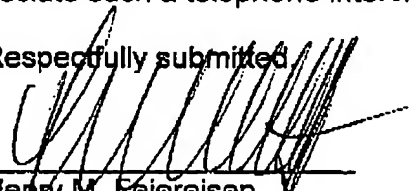
appears to be distinguishable over the applied prior art, however, an updated search is needed to make a final determination.

As a result of the interview, applicant now submits new Independent claim 14 in favor of claim 1, which has now been canceled. Claim 14 is drawn up in accordance with the agreement at the interview. Claims 3, 4, 8, 11-13 have been amended to make them consistent with the presentation of new claim 14. Claim 7 has also been canceled.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate conditions for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawing, then it is respectfully requested that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. If the Examiner feels that it might be helpful in advancing this case by calling the undersigned, applicant would greatly appreciate such a telephone interview.

Respectfully submitted

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